

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A swivel rocker/recliner chair comprising:
  - a seating section having a pair of vertically disposed side walls;
  - a pair of rocker blocks fixedly secured to said side walls, each said rocker block having a support surface including a curved portion and a generally flat portion;
  - a base assembly;
  - a pair of spring assemblies adapted to be secured to said rocker blocks and said base assembly so as to secure said seating section to rock on said base assembly;
  - a swivel base member;
  - a swivel plate assembly fixedly secured to said swivel base member and to said base assembly to allow rotational movement of said base assembly relative to said swivel base member;
  - each said spring assembly including:
    - an upper bracket member;
    - a lower bracket member;
    - at least one spring disposed between said upper and lower bracket members;
    - said upper bracket member including a plurality of apertures and being adapted to be secured to one of said rocker blocks;
    - said lower bracket member including a plurality of apertures and being adapted to be secured to a portion of said base

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assembly, said apertures in said upper and lower bracket members of each said spring assembly being positioned so as to cause a tensioning between said upper and lower bracket members at a rearward portion of each said spring assembly which causes said seating section to be biased into a slightly reclined orientation prior to said seating section being occupied by a seat occupant.

2. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 1, further comprising a front cover operably secured to said side walls of said seating section;

a ratchet member secured to said front cover; and

5 a pawl assembly secured to said base assembly for engaging with said ratchet member to maintain said seating section in a desired, reclined position.

3. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 1, wherein each said rocker block is positioned on its associated said side wall such that said flat portion of each said rocker block contacts a portion of said base assembly at a predetermined point 5 during rearward rocking and reclining motion to limit said rearward rocking and reclining motion of said seating section to a predetermined degree.

4. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 1, wherein said base assembly is secured to said swivel plate assembly to position said base assembly, and therefore said seating section, off-center from a geometric center of said swivel base member.

*[Signature]* 5. A swivel recliner/rocker chair comprising:

a seating section having a pair of parallel disposed side walls, a seat back and a seat section;

5 a rocker block secured to an inner side portion of each of said side walls, said rocker blocks having a curved portion and a generally flat portion;

a base assembly;

10 a pair of spring assemblies for securing said seating to said base assembly for reclining movement relative to said base assembly, each said spring assembly including an upper bracket member, a lower bracket member and a plurality of springs secured therebetween, said upper bracket member of each said spring assembly being secured to a respective one of said rocker blocks and said lower bracket member of each said spring assembly 15 being secured to a portion of said base assembly such that said rocker blocks, and thus said seating section, are biased into a slightly reclined position relative to said base assembly, and wherein said flat portions of said rocker blocks operate to limit reclining movement of said seating section to a predetermined 20 degree;

a swivel base member; and

a swivel plate assembly for securing said base assembly to said swivel base member to permit rotational movement of said base assembly relative to said swivel base member.

6. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 5, further comprising:

a front cover secured to said side walls;

a ratchet member secured to said front cover; and

5 a pawl assembly operably coupled to said base assembly for engaging with said ratchet member to maintain said seating section in a desired reclined position as said seating section is urged into said desired, reclined position by an occupant thereof.

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7. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 5, wherein said base assembly is secured to said swivel plate assembly such that said base assembly is positioned off of a geometric center of said swivel base member, to thereby inhibit rocking of said 5 swivel base member when said seating section is urged into a fully reclined position by said occupant.

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a seating section having a pair of parallel disposed side walls, a seat back, and a seat member;

5 a rocker block securely affixed to an inner side portion of each of said side walls, each said rocker block including a support surface having curved portion and a generally flat portion;

10 a base assembly having a pair of side members spaced apart by a distance in accordance with a spacing of said rocker blocks, a rear support member and a front support member secured to said side members, and a swivel support member;

15 a pair of spring assemblies associated with said rocker blocks, each said spring assembly including an upper bracket member, a lower bracket member and a pair of coil springs, said upper bracket member of each said spring assembly being adapted to be fixedly secured to an associated one of said rocker blocks and said lower bracket member of each said spring assembly being adapted to be secured to an associated one of said side members of said base assembly such that said support surface of each said 20 rocker block rests upon a portion of a respective one of said side members, and further such that one of said pair of coil springs of each said spring assembly exerts a tensioning force on a portion of said rocker block to cause said rocker block, and thus said seating section, to be urged into a slightly reclined 25 position relative to said base member prior to said occupant occupying said seating section;

a swivel plate assembly having an upper plate member and a lower plate member, said upper plate member being adapted

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30 to be fixedly secured to said swivel support member of said base assembly; and

a swivel base member being secured to said lower plate member of said swivel plate assembly for disposing said base assembly for rotational movement relative to a floor supporting said swivel base member.

9. The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 8, further comprising:

a front cover secured between said side walls of said seating section;

5 a ratchet member secured to said front cover;

a pawl assembly operably secured to said front support member of said base assembly and engageable with said ratchet member to maintain said seating unit in a desired reclined position.